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ON PETITION

In re Application of
James D. Bennett et al.
Application No. 09/332,317
Filed: June 14, 1999
Attorney Docket No. P93-00-DD

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)¹, filed December 16, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned July 28, 2005 for failure to timely reply to the final Office Action mailed April 27, 2005. A response was filed May 27, 2005, but by Advisory Action of July 12, 2005, petitioner was advised that the response did not place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed November 4, 2005.

In response thereof, petitioner has submitted a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and an amendment as the submission required under 37 CFR 1.114.

Additionally, there is no indication that petitioner herein was ever empowered to

¹Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application or a lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof.

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

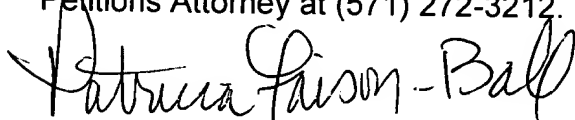
(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c)).

prosecute the instant application. If petitioner desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney documentation must be submitted. A courtesy copy of this decision will be mailed to petitioner. However, all future correspondence will be directed to the address of record until such time as appropriate instructions are received to the contrary.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center 3621 for processing of the RCE.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Patricia Faison-Ball". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Patricia" being more prominent than the last name "Faison-Ball".

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